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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RECENT GOE COMPLAINTS ABOUT EUROPEANS

1. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED GOE AND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY STATEMENTS CASTIGATING BRITISH (WILSON'S REMARKS AT PARTY FOR MRS. MEIR) AND DUTCH (INITIAL UNGA VOTE ON PALESTINE) GOVERNMENTS. NOW SWISS ARE UNDER ATTACK FOR DECISION TO CUTOFF FUNDS TO UNESCO. ARAB LEAGUE HAS URGED MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER SWISS GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AS "ENCOURAGING ISRAEL'S DESECRATION OF THE SACRED PLACES AND AS DENIAL OF HUMAN AND NATIONAL RIGHTS." ACCORDING TO PRESS, ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED BY ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL.

2. COMMENT: THIS KIND OF RHETORIC FROM CAIRO STRIKES US
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AS CHEAP PROPAGANDA INTENDED TO MAKE EASY POINTS WITH PLO

AND ARAB RADICALS. MOREOVER, IT IS TYPICAL OF COCKY STANCE
GENERALLY ADOPTED THESE DAYS IN ARAB WORLD AS RESULT OF
EVER GROWING CONFIDENCE IN CAPACITY OF " OIL WEAPON" TO
INTIMIDATE. EMBASSY LONDON HAS REPORTED THAT BRITISH WERE
INITIALLY TOTALLY UNMOVED BY ATTACKS ALLEGEING PRO-ISRAELI BIAS
ON PART OF HMG, AND DUTCH HERE COULD CARE LESS, OR SO THEY SAY,
ABOUT CANCELLATION DUTCH FORMIN'S VISIT. ALTHOUGH DUTCH ARE
CLEARLY ANNOYED WITH BEING ARAB WHIPPING BOY ON PALESTINE ISSUE,
AND IN PARTICULAR RESENT BEING SINGLED OUT FOR EGYPTIAN ABUSE
BECAUSE OF INITIAL UNGA VOTE ON PALESTINE, THEY POINTE OUT THAT
EXPORTS TO EGYPT ARE RUNNING AT RECORD HIGH. IN SHORT, EGYPTIANS
HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN STIRRING UP MUCH INTEREST EVEN IN CAIRO
BY THEIR ILL-CONSIDERED REMAKRS.
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